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E. O. 11652 : GDS

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SUBJECT: CREDIT SALES OF NORTHROP F-5 MILITARY

AIRCRAFT

REF: STATE 98509

1. EMBASSY NOTES PERU NOT INCLUDED IN LIST OF COUNTRIES FOR WHICH PRESIDENT DETERMINED SALE OF F-5 MILITARY AIRCRAFT IS IMPORTANT TO U. S. NATIONAL SECURITY. WE ASSUME THIS STEMS FROM SUSPENSION OF FMS TO PERU AT TIME DETERMINATION INITIATED.

2. HOWEVER, ONCE CONSULTATIONS WITH CONGRESS ARE COMPLETED AND AVAILABILITY OF F-5' S TO VARIOUS LA' S, INCLUDING CHILE, BECOMES PUBLIC, WE ANTICIPATE GOP WILL RAISE WITH US USUAL QUESTIONS, TO WIT:
(A) WHY DOES U. S. SELL MAJOR SYSTEM TO AVOWEDLY MARXIST STATE WHICH HISTORICAL ADVERSARY OF PERU? (B) DOES U. S. CONSIDER CHILE GOOD CREDIT RISK AS COMPARED PERU? (C) WHY ARE F-5' S NOT OFFERED TO GOP?

3. EMBASSY BELIEVES IT CAN TURN THESE QUESTIONS
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TEMPORARILY BY: (A) REFERRING TO GOP PRIORITY
INTEREST IN ACQUIRING A-37 B' S, AND (B) FACT GOP
PURCHASING MISSION IN UK IS REPORTEDLY INTERESTED
IN PURCHASE OF CANBERRAS ON VERY FAVORABLE TERMS
(\$500,000 PER COPY WITH GUARANTEE OF 10 YEARS
SUPPLY OF SPARES).

4. EMBASSY NEVERTHELESS WISHES CALL DEPARTMENT' S
ATTENTION TO THIS POTENTIAL PROBLEM WITH GOP AND
WOULD APPRECIATE PRESS GUIDANCE.
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